THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) The State Government have furnished a preliminary project report and have indicated the rough cost as Rs. 24.40 crores for connecting Cochin with Vypeen via Vallapadam-Mulavukad and Thanthonnithuruthu and have asked for a grant-in-aid of Rs. 40.00 lacs for undertaking detailed investigation etc.

Expenditure incurred on the stay of Indian Airlines crew in hotels

*275. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what amount was spent by Indian Airlines in 1987-88 on the stay of cabin and cockpit crew in private hotels and public sector hotels, separately; and

(b) what are the reasons for which private sector hotels are used by the Indian Airlines staff?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) in 1987-88, Indian Airlines spent a total amount of Rs. 4.45 crores on the stay of cockpit and cabin crew in public and private sector hotels. Separate figures of expenditure on public-sector and private hotels are not available as these are to be collected from all the four Regions by Indian Airlines.

(b) Private hotels are used for cockpit and cabin crew at stations where either public sector hotels are not available or their location etc, are not suitable.

जहाजरानी उद्योग का विकास

276. **श्री ईश दत्त यादव :** क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार जहाजरानी उद्योग को विकसित करने हेतु विशेष रूप से प्रयासरत है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो हर दिशा में वर्ष 1986, 1987 और 1988 में अब तक किए गए व्यय का वर्षवार ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) नई योजना के तहत देश में कितने और मालवाहक जहाज अप्रैल, 1989 तक कार्य करना आरम्भ कर देंगे और 31 दिसम्बर, 1987 को उक्त संख्या क्या थी ;

(घ) वर्ष 1988-89 और 1989-90 के लिए प्रस्तावित व्यय का ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ङ.) पिछले तीन वर्षों मे किन-किन पत्तनों का विकास किया गया और चालू वित्तीय वर्ष में विकास और सुधार किए गए पत्तनों के नाम तथा कार्यों का ब्यौरा क्या है ?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री रजेश पायलट) : (क) जी हां ।

(ख) सरकार ने नौवहन उद्योग के विकास के लिए निम्नलिखित राशियां खर्च की हैं :--

1986-87--145.00 करोड़ रु० --ऋण

30.00 करोड़ रु० --सबसिडी

1987-88-- 69.70 करोड़ रु०--ऋण

6.00 करोड़ रु०--सबसिडी

(ग) 31-12-1987 को 362 जहाज थे । जनवरी, 1988 से सितंबर, 1988 के दौरान भारतीय बेड़े में 25 जहाज जोड़े गए हैं ।

(घ) वर्ष 1988-89 के दौरान खर्च की जाने वाली प्रस्तावित राशि निम्नलिखित है :—

वर्ष — 95.56 करोड़ रु०

सबसिडी — 9.19 करोड़ रु०

वर्ष 1989-90 के लिए वार्षिक योजन और बजट को अभी अंतिम रूप नहीं दिया गया है । अतः 1989-90 के दौरान खर्च की जाने वाली सम्भावित राशि दर्शाना सम्भव नहीं है ।

(ङ) इस समय 10 कार्यरत महापत्तन हैं अर्थात् बम्बई, मद्रास, मुरगांव, पारादीप, टूटीकोरिन, कलकत्ता (हल्दिया सहित), विशाखापत्तनम, कोचीन, कांडला, न्यू मंगलूर और एक पत्तन अर्थात् न्हावा शेवा पत्तन निर्माणाधीन है । पत्तनों का विकास और सुधार एक सतत प्रक्रिया है और चालू वर्ष सहित प्रत्येक वर्ष पत्तनों के विकास से संबंधित विभिन्न कार्य निष्पादित किए जा रहे हैं । सातवीं पंच वर्षीय योजना में महापत्तनों के विकास के लिए 955 करोड़ रु० की राशि का प्रावधान किया गया है ।

Subway at Palavanthangal railway gate, Madras

*277. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a subway at Palavanthangal railway gate in Madras City was sanctioned about three years ago and all construction material was dumped to start the project; if so, what are the details of progress made so far; and

(b) by when the work on this project is proposed to be completed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir. The work could not, however, be started on account of the State Government not acquiring the land for its portion of the work, i.e., the approaches on either side.

(b) This mainly depends on how long the State Government will take to complete the approaches, which is the critical activity.

Shortage of Aircraft Capacity

*278. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have liberalised its charter policy to overcome shortage of aircraft capacity; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) In order to encourage overseas tourist traffic to India, the Government have liberalised its charter policy. The charter guidelines will not permit passengers to land not only at Delhi, Bombay, Madras, Calcutta, Trivandrum Dabolim (Goa) and Bangalore but charters will also be permitted to land at Hyderabad, Varanasi, Ahmedabad and Bhubneswar.

Female Literacy in the Country

*279. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR:

SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Commission on Self-employed Women has observed that the female literacy rate is still lower in the country;

(b) if so, what are the areas where the female literacy is very low and what are the main reasons therefor; and